receive the quilt presented by the ladies of the Weman's Veteran Relief Union by presenting said number to Mrs. HAZARD WHEELER, No. 71 L st. n.w. Northern Liberty Market,

Cor. 5th and L sts. n.w., will be open the 24th instant from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. Closed on Christmas day. GEO. P. BOHRER, Supt. de23-2t*

O STREET MARKET WILL BE OPEN
FRIDAY, 24TH,
From 5 a.m. until 11:10 p.m.
Closed Saturday.
de23-2t*

Never have we made so many Frock and Full Dress Sults and Inverness Overcoats for Xmas giving. Shows the custom of giving solid, substantial gifts is gaining ground every year. The "Fit or no pay" feature of our business is responsible for its big growth! We'll be closed all day Christmas—and wish our friends, who are many, and our enemies, if we have any, a merry, merry Christmas and happy, prosperous New Year.

J. FIED GATCHEL & CO., TAILORS, 604 13th St. de23-16d

NOTICE.—I WISH TO INFORM MY FRIENDS, the friends of this establishment and the public that I have bought the interest of the late John L. Beteier in the firm of Talbert & Boteler, Undertakers, 735 8th st. s.e., where I will conduct the business in the prompt and feeling manner that has been the custom at this place of business, which was established by E. M. Boteler, who had conducted it about thirty-five years, and where I have been for fourteen out of an experience of over eighteen years, serving an apprenticeship and afterward being associated with him in the business at the above address. Very respectfully, etc., RICHARD T. TALBERT. de4-s, tu, th-lm* NOTICE.-I WISH TO INFORM MY FRIENDS,

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FRIDAY, Closed Christmas. de22-2t*

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de22-2t* 402 A st. s.e.

ESTHER CHAPTER NO. 5, O. E. S.—THE SPEcial meeting of THURSDAY, 23d inst., will be held in LODGE ROOM NO. 2.
de22-2t GRACE S. WATROUS, Secretary. de22-2t GRACE S. WATROUS, Secretary.

THE AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST COMPANY hereby gives public notice that on
the FIRST DAY of APRIL, A.D. 1898, it will
redeem at its office, No. 1405 G st. n.w., in the
city of Washington, D. C., Series No. 6 of its
debenture bonds, dated April 1, 1893, as provided by the terms of said bonds, and interest
will thereafter cease upon all such bonds not
then presented for redemption.

Attest: C. J. BELL, President.
JAS. F. HOOD, Secretary.

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BE THEY LADIES OR MEN.
Onk and Cherry Stationery Cases—Leather
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TELEPHONE YOUR HURRY ORDERS. WILL have two wagons at our ware rooms to dispatch same at short notice.

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For the Puddings and Pies. Purdings that Tharp's Pure Berkeley is the parest whisky made, and consequently gives a flavor to plum puddings and mince meat that no other can. Only \$1.00 a quart at Jass. Tharp's, 812 F st. n.w. de21-10d

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THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS ASSOCIA-THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS ASSOCIAtion and Ladies' Southern Relief Society have
made arrangements through committees to receive
and distribute contributions of money, clothing,
blankets, groceries, etc., to needy southern familles. Contributions of money to be sent to
CHAS. C. IVEY, Secretary, 431 11th st. n.w.
Other donations may be sent to the hall of the
association, No. 431 11th st. n.w., Dec. 23 and 24.
de21-3t RELIEF COMMITTEES.

WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY. The annual meeting of the stockholds WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY will be held at the office of the company in Center Market in the city of Washington, at 12 o'clock neon, on the FHRST MONDAY, being the 3d day of January, 1898, for the choice of thirteen directors to serve the ensuing year and to act on any other subject within the power of the corporation that may come before the meeting, de20-12t S. W. CURRIDEN, Secretary.

de29-12t S. W. CURRIDEN, Secretary.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

Notice is hereby given that a semi-annual dividend of three (3) per cent has been declared on the capital stock of THE METROPOLITAN COACH CO., payable on and after JANUARY SECOND. 1898, to stockholders of record on December 24, 1807. Books for the transfer of stock will be closed between said dates. By order of the board of directors.

W. D. RUMMEL,

Secretary,

(de18-6*) President.

DR. MeMASTER'S VETERINARY HOSPITAL 1305-7 G st. n.w.-Open day and night. Special-ties-Lameness and examining as to soundness for intenting purchasers. DAVID MeMASTER, M.D., Veterinarian, Prop. 'Phone 135. del5-5tf

HAVE YOU SEEN CLEVELAND PARK LATELY?

no20-tf DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON, December 6, 1897.

Policy holders are hereby notified that all policies will expire on the last MONDAY in December (27th instant), at 6 o'clock p.m. Renewal for the year 1898 will be at the rate of 1 per cent on the premium notes. Please attend early and avoid the crowd.

SAMUEL C. WILSON, dedin-27

SPECIAL NOTICES.

SPIRITUALISM.—WONN'S HALL, 721 6TH ST. n.w., FRIDAY-NIGHT, and during the day at 905 H st. n.w. Miss MAGGIE GAULE of Balti-mare, the great medium. de23-21* more, the great medium. de23-2t*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JULIAN C. COCKERILLE no longer represents me as solicitor of printing and engraving. The public is therefore requested not to intrust future orders for my establishment with him.

LEWIS M. THAYER,

Printer and Engraver,

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1313 F st. n.w.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA have declared a dividend of 3 per cent on the capital stock of the company, payable at office. No. 302 Pa. ave. s.e., on and after JANUARY THIRD, 1898. Books for transfer of stock will close December 27, 1897, and remain closed until January 3, 1898.

Attest: JOHN E, HERRELL, Pres. HENRY K, SIMPSON, Secy. de23-3t.

RECOGNIZING THAT CHRISTMAS IS ONE DAY in the year that employee like to spend at home

RECOGNIZING THAT CHRISTMAS IS ONE DAY
in the year that employes like to spend at home
with their families, we, the undersigned, will
close our places of business all day on Christmas,
the 25th of December, 1897.

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CLARK & CO., CLARK & CO., CHARLES BAUM.

JOHNSON BROTHERS, 1206 F ST. N.W.—ALL our yards and offices closed all lay Christmas. Cell and get one of our 1898 Calendars. de23-2t Burns & Co.'s
Tailoring
Talk.

As the season is drawing to a close we find we have a select line of Sultings on hand. We will close them out

Also Carr's Melton Overcoating, guaranteed for 6 years, at \$40, worth \$50.

Trousers, \$6, in neat pin stripes and plaid effects.
See them. J. D. BURNS & CO., 9th and G n.w.

NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9, 1897.
The annual election for directors of this bank will take place at the banking house on TUES-DAY, January 11, 1898.
Polls open from 12 m. to 1 p.m. de9,16,23,30&ja6 CHAS, E. WHITE, Cashier.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING

Merchants Approve of Giving the Clerks a Holiday.

The movement in favor of the closing of the mercantile establishments of Washingten all day on Christmas day, which has been vigorously pushed for the past week or two, has been crowned with success, and while some few establishments may remain open for a short time in the morning, probably none of the leading houses will open their doors for anything like business. The Star is in receipt of a number of letters from merchants, who commend the general closing on the greatest holiday of the year. J. & M. Strasburger of the Family Shoe Store write as follows:

"We are glad to see that The Star, with its usual thoughtfulness, is again to the front agitating the closing of the stores all day Christmas, and we trust all the large houses will respond by remaining closed, thereby giving their salespeople the benefit of a much-needed rest and an opportunity of devoting the entire day to their fami-

Mr. W. T. Van Wickle, Washington manager of the Bradbury Piano. Company,

says:
"I wish to commend The Star's course in advocating the closing of business houses on Christmas and New Year day, giving employes the benefit of the entire day. We have recognized for years past the justness of the measure, and, as in the past, the Bradbury piano warercoms will be closed the entire day on both holidays. "Taking into consideration the increased

amount of work, the extra hours imposed upon the employes, due to the extra amount of business incidental to the holidays, we are thoroughly in accord with The Star's The following is from John C. Parker, 617

7th street northwest:
"Regarding the article in last night's
Star on Christmas day closing I wish to state that it seems to me a very good plan and one that all merchants should fail in with. The Christmas rush in the stores keeps the clerks busy longer hours perhaps than clerks in any other line of business. They have worked hard and untiringly for

CLERKS JOINED IN SONG.

A Unique Celebration in the Post Office Department.

Those officials and employes of the Post Office Department who of late have been detained at their desks until 5 o'clock have heard melodious sounds through the corriders of the building. Major Reeve. chief of the stamp division of the third assistant postmaster general's office, has been obliged to keep his clerks an extra hour to catch up the quarter's work before the end of the year, and at the approach of the hour for closing the clerks have been having a little impromptu concert before leaving for their homes.

The cheerfulness with which the clerks undertook the extra duty was especially gratifying to Majer Reeve, who invited Gen. Merritt, third assistant postmaster general, to hear the music. Word being passed around that the general might drop n yesterday evening, the chorus was enlarged by the clerks from other rooms congregating in one of the larger rooms of the civision, and "Cottonfields" and "Old Oaken Bucket" were sung with great spirit, after which, as it was to be the last night they would have to work over time, the following words, hurriedly written by one of the clerks for the occasion, were sung to the tune of Auid Lang Syne:

Now, boys, we'll have a jolly time When this night work is done; When we can leave at four o'clock To have our Christmas fun. Then cheer for Merritt and for Reeve, At four o'clock we're fre he Stamp Division is the boss Within the P. O. D.

Within the P. O. D., my boys, Within the P. O. D., The Stamp Division is the bose Within the P. O. D.

We'll ask no aid from other chiefs,

But do our work alone;
If seven hours won't suffice,
We'll add another one.
Then cheer for Merritt and for Reeve,
At four o'clock we're free;
The Stamp Division is the boss
Within the P. O. D.

This sentiment, as expressed in song, was a complete and gratifying surprise to Major Reeve, who had no hint of what was contemplated. The sound of the music made by the clerks of the stamp division echoed harmoniously through the halls, attracting the attention of Postmaster General Gary, who stepped outside his door to listen.

Sent to Workhouse, Nevertheless. Martha Washington, colored, who was today charged before Judge Scott with the larceny of \$25 from William Harrington, an old soldier, was acquitted of that charge, but was sent to the work house for thirty days as a suspicious character.

CASTORIA

Infants and Children.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE

SIGNATURE OF

Chas. H. Fletcher IS ON THE WRAPPER

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PITCHER'S

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PROBING FOR THE FACTS PASSES A. FINAL ORDER

Coroner Carr and a Jury Investigate the Judge Kimball Disposes of the Case of Tony Lazenberry Case.

termine Manner of Death-Nothing New Developed.

Coroner Carr held an inquest this afternoon in the case of the colored man, Willlam Lazenberry, whose body was found in Watt's branch, rot far from the Benning race track, yesterday morning, as published in yesterday's Star. The police found nothing additional to the facts printed vesterday. Deputy Coroner Głazebrook made the autopsy this morning, and told the jury of the injuries the man had sustained. He said the immediate cause of death was undoubtedly drowning. Witness found that, effect. in addition to the V-shaped wound on the head, beneath which the skull was cracked, there were four fractured ribs. All the injuries were on the left side. The wound on the head was such that it was evident a sharp-pointed object, and not a club or ordinary weapon, had inflicted it. The fractured ribs, he thought, may have been made by falling against a log or on a stone. He said the point of a rail in the track may have inflicted the wound on the head. The man was in a normal condition, Dr. Glazebrook said, there being no evidence of heart trouble, nor was his brain in a condition to indicate apoplexy. He told the jury that the dead man's hands and face were covered with mud and the condition of the body made it evident that it had been in the water. He found no evidences of a struggle. The dead man had on gloves and his overcoat and rubber shoes. In one of his overcoat and tubber sides. In one of his overcoat pockets witness found part of the regalla of a fraternal society. Policeman John Boland testified that his attention was called to the body by a man named Cooper, who had pulled it from the water. The man's body, he said, was found a little more than three hundred yards from the station, where he got off the train about 11:30 o'clock. Witness gave as his opinion that Lazenberry walked beside the track from the station to Watts branch, where the body was found yesterday morn-

Gives Particulars.

Witness described the condition of the branch and trestle work and made a diagram of the place. The deceased, he said, had to cross the trestle, which is about twenty feet above the branch. He found 15 cents in money and some receipts and

papers on the body. The money he turned over to a son of the deceased. B. F. Cooper, brakeman on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, testified that yes-terday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock Engineer Smith called his attention to something in the branch. When he left the train and went down the embankment he discovered the man's body there. The water is about three feet deep and the hody, with the exception of the back and hips, was under water. Witness and a fireman pulled the body from the water. There was nothing to indicate that a strug-

gle had taken place.

Two stones, the witness said, project over the water, and witness believed a fall from the trestle would have put the man in the position in which he was found. The dead man's cap was on the bank of the branch Robert M. Smith, engineer on the train on which the preceding witness was working, testified that he called Cooper's attention

to the body.

Fireman B. F. Downs, who was on the same train, gave similar testimony. Lazenberry's head was under water when wit-ness reached the branch. There is a hole in the branch between two projecting rocks and the dead man's head was between

Saw Him Get Off the Train.

Simon Owens, trackwalker, testified that he saw Lazenberry get off the 11:30 train Tuesday night and start toward home. than clerks in any one.

They have worked hard and untiringly for their employers from early morning to late at night for the past week or two, and every clerk in every store in Washington has surely earned this great holiday. I feel that I owe it to my salesmen to give them this day, and shall do so, and trust every this day, and shall do so, and trust every large was, but he did not remember having seen him. He crossed Watts branch along the line of the railroad, but he along the line of the railroad, but he He was perfectly sober. Witness remained heard no noise of any kind. The night was very dark. Witness did not meet anybody on his way home.

on his way home.
"Is this a dangerous bridge to cross over?" asked the coroner.
"Unusually dangerous," replied witness, who said he was always very particular while crossing there at pight. while crossing there at night.

The jury found that the death of Lazenbeiry resulted from a fall from a trestle bridge across Watts branch. The jury be-lieved that his death was accidental.

MEADOWS AND PASTURES.

Their Cultivation in the Middle Eastern States.

The Agricultural Department has issued a farmers' bulletin, prepared under the direction of Agrostofogist F. Lamson Scribner, on the formation and cultivation of meadows and pastures in the middle east-

ern states. It says that the annual production of forage and fodder crops in the seven middle eastern states-Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina-amounts to upward of 20,000,000 tons, valued at fully \$150,000,000. At least two-thirds of this amount is supplied by the grasses, clovers, cowpeas, corn stover and ensilinge produced upon the farm, so that the subject of improved methods of cultivation and the se ection of the varieties best adapted to the soils of this region is of the greatest

importance to the farmer.

The commercial importance of grasses and clovers in relation to the profitable production of farm animals, the bulletin says, is very great. The figures of the division of statistics show that in the seven middle eastern states there were, on Jan-uary 1, 1897, in round numbers, 1,373,000 horses of all ages, valued at about \$57,584. 000: 217,000 mules, valued at \$11,413,000; 2,028,000 milch cows, worth \$47,334,000; 1,735. 000 oxen and other cattle, worth \$29,904,000; 2,147,000 sheep, worth \$5,000,000, and 4,380,000 swine, worth \$20,041,000; the total number of all farm stock in these seven states amounting to 11,883,000 head of all classes, valued at \$171,278.500. These 11,883,000 head of farm stock require for their mainten-ance upward of 20,400,000 tons per annum of all classes of forage and feeding stuffs, worth more than \$150,000,000. The seven states named are not great stock-growing states. They rank in the aggregate of the combined values of live stock barely 20 per cent above that of Iowa alone. Such being the demands of our live

stock, how are the necessary supplies to be produced at the greatest profit and least cost? The problem of how to cultivate the required grass, clover, and other forage becomes thus an important one, of prime interest to all farmers who have live stock to feed or a market for their produce.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

Western Presbyterian Society Choose Officers-Other Church Items.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Western Presbyterian Church recently elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, John W. Matson; vice president, H. Clay Barclay; recording secretary, Henry Stringer; corresponding secretary, Miss May E. Smith; treasurer, Miss Annie W. Stuard; superintendent of junfors, Miss Lucy McKim; delegates to C. E. Union, D. H. Deloe. These officers were installed by the pastor at the evening service of the church.

The quartet of the church is somewhat

changed from its personnel of last year. The soprano and bass, respectively, Miss May Adele Lavers and Mr. Robert G. Sutton, are still with the choir, while Mrs. Adele Crosette Oxley, formerly of New York, is heard as contraito, and Mr. John

York, is heard as contraito, and Mr. John M. Rieman as tenor.

The Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis, pastor of the church, has been appointed member of the committee having in charge the preparations for the '98 Presbyterian convention of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, which is to be held in Troy, N. Y.

The presbytery of Washington city 's called to meet at Vienna, Va., next Monday, at 10 a.m., to install the Rev. D. Montgomery as pastor of the Vienna and Lewinsville Presbyterian Churches.

Witnesses Examined in Effort to De- The Boy Placed in Charge of Board of Children's Guardians-The

Father Protests.

Judge Kimball today finally disposed of the case of Tony Tomasula, the little Italian boy who has been before him twice within the last ten days, the allegation being that the child was not properly cared for by his father. The boy was placed in the care of the board of children's guard-

As will be remembered by the readers of The Star, the case was taken into court by the board on specific charges to that The only additional evidence of impor tance heard in the case was that of Joseph

Laccorano, who offered to give bond to the court, and to the Italian consul, that he would deliver the boy to his mother at her home in Italy. The witness stated that his own home was within four doors of the mother's home, and that there would be no doubt about the prompt delivery of the little fellow to her.

Judge Kimball questioned Laccorano at

length as to his ability to carry out his promise, but old not say that he would in-trust him with the care of the boy across the ocean.
Mr. C. C. Moreno said he had reached the conclusion that the boy's father was

not a fit person to have the care of the child, but he did think the latter ought to be given over to his mother. Tony Makes Objection.

Judge Kimball called the boy to him and questioned him as to his wishes in the matter, and his response was that he had no desire to go back to Italy; that his mother treated him, when he was there, pretty nearly as badly as his father did Assistant Attorney Baker took the ground

that it was the duty of the court to retain control of the boy by placing him in the care of the board of children's guardians. Judge Kimball, after reviewing the case, said he would make a permanent order that the boy be placed with the board of children's guardians until he reaches the age of twenty-one years.

All the parties interested then left the court room, but upon reaching the foot of the stairs the father of the boy made a

break for him, and would have succeeded in getting him, but for the intervention of Bailing Darr and Messrs. Parkman and Douglas of the children's guardians.

It is understood that Tony has been provided with a good home with a business man, where he can remain until he is of

WHERE TO GO.

Some Places Where Christmas Gifts Can Be Obtained.

A. Kahn, at 935 F street, is offering a pair of solid gold glasses for \$3, and solid gold ladies' watches for \$8 each, guaranteed timepieces at that. A watch makes a most desirable present, and these are most desirable watches.

If you want your rooms to look nice and neat at this glad season consult Noite, the paper hanger, at 810 9th street, who has all Do you want your rooms to be warm Christmas eve for the children? Go to A. Eberly's Sons, at 718 7th street, and get a high-grade gas or an oil stove for a low price.

M. Goldsmith & Sens, 911 Pennsylvania avenue, will for the two days prior to Christmas give a reduction of 12 per cent, one-eighth off, on all diamonds and gold watches. Visit them, and they will show you what a discount sale really is. There are other great bargains to be found there, too.

If you want to top off your Christmas dinner in style, procure from 25 G street Reisenger's famous pound or black fruit cake, or some of his pure candles or choice Do you want good butter for your Christ-

to Jas! F. Oyster, at 900 Pennsylvania avenue, for it. Best at lowest prices. If you have any use for a carriage at any time, Downey's model stables, at 1622-28 L street, can always accommodate you with anything in the line of a smart trap. He also has the best facilities for boarding

DEFRAUDED PENSIONERS.

The Soldiers, Not the Government, The commissioner of pensions recently told a reporter of The Star that, while he believed there were comparatively few frauds in obtaining pensions, he was convinced there was a large amount annually

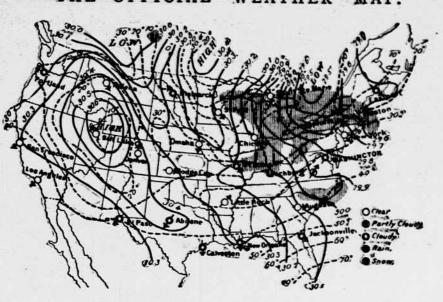
paid out in pensions that never reached the person entitled thereto, or, reaching them, was not enjoyed. Here it was, he said, that the greatest frauds existed, and the department was constantly receiving information of the misapplication of pension funds.

He recalled one case in particular as evi dence of this. It occurred in one of the southern states. The beneficiary of the government was an old colored woman, the widow of a valiant soldier. When her ap-plication for pension was received, it was found she was entitled to quite a snug back pension, amounting to about \$1,500. The claim was finally allowed and the check sent to the applicant. A short time later one of her neighbors, the gossip of the county, saw, through the newspapers, of the old woman's good fortune. Not having witnessed any evidence of the good fortune (for the old woman was almost wholly dependent upon the charitable community), she set about an investigation. The old woman had not one cent of the little fortune, and she forthwith wrote a letter to the department. An examiner was dispatched to the scene and he investigated. He found the old woman had received the money, but being ignorant and not really understanding figures, she permitted a shark in the vicinity to bodily steal the en-tire amount. The culprit was traced and after some time acknowledged he had bor-rowed the money from the old woman, but when she was asked for evidence of such a transaction she could not even show promising to pay it back. He had hoodwinked the old woman by presenting her every now and then with a big silver dollar, and she, poor soul, thanking her good fortune for such a large amount, said nothing. The examiner decided to frighten the swindler into refunding the money. He dropped a remark at the village inn that he greessed he would have to take company guessed he would have to take company back to Washington, with him in the shape of a handcuffed criminal who was so low as to steal from the widow of a soldier. That night he was awakened and called to the door to find the old woman in company with the pension shark. He had evidently heard the him about the trip back to heard the hint about the trip back to Washington and had brought the old wo-man to pay over to her, in the presence of the pension examiner, the money he "had borrowed." The old woman has never wanted for anything since. Some of the money was used in rebuilding her house and paying off a long-standing debt on the little place. Two cows and some hogs were purchased, and she was installed in comfort. A Novel Contention.

United States Consul Taylor, at Glasgow has furnished the State Department with a copy of a circular order issued by the Associated and Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners of that city prohibiting the handling of imported prepared joined work. The consul says that as the society in-cludes all of the mechanics in that line of business in Glasgow, the order must effectually stop importations of this pre-pared work, the greater part of which comes from the United States in large quantities. The contention of the Scotch workmen is a novel one, namely, that the foreigners who make the joined work are paid much less wages than themselves. Government Receipts.

Government receipts from internal revenue today, \$568,561; customs, \$310,888; mis-cellaneous, \$23,203. An interesting announcement of the Hote Empire see ad., page 14.

THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are isobars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

FAIR WEATHER TO CONTINUE. Colder Tomorrow, With Northwest

Forecast till 8 p.m. Friday-For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, fair tonight and Friday; colder Friday morning; west to northwest winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast-The storm has remained nearly stationary in Ontario, increasing in intensity. A second storm has moved from the North Carolina coast to the New England coast.

The pressure is low to the north of Montana. A ridge of high pressure extends from the northern Pacific coast to Texas and thence to Manitoba.

Snow or rain has occurred in all districts cast of the Mississippi valley.

The temperature has fallen east of the

Mississippi valley, except stationary in New England and southern Fiorida; it has gen-erally risen west of the Mississippi valley, except a slight fall in Montana.

Generally fair weather may be expected east of the Ohio and lower Mississippi vaileys, except snow in northern New Eng-land and clearing tonight in the lower lake region and southern New England.

Tide Table. Today-Low tide, 1:01 a.m. and 1:21 p.m.; high tide, 6:55 a.m. and 7:26 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 1:59 a.m. and 2:21
p.m.; high tide, 7:54 a.m. and 8:22 p.m.

THE COURTS.

Equity Court No. 1-Justice Cox. Fuss agt. Fuss; auditor's report confirmed. Offut agt. Wilson; pro confesso against certain defendants granted. Gray agt. Galt; decree dismissing bill. In re Pedro S. Moran, Albert C. Griffin, Alfred Hodge, Helen M. Harbaugh and Thos. Brown; inquisitions in lunacy confirmed. Hamner agt. Ketcham; sale of personal Whalen; auditor's report confirmed and bill dismissed. Hughes agt. McMenamin; auditor's third report confirmed partially. Shultz Gas Fixture Company agt. Alexander; sale decreed, with W. A. Johnston and W. H. Sheler, trustees to sell and W. H. Sholes, trustees, to sell.

Equity Court No. 2-Justice Hagner Anderson agt. Anderson; time to take testimony before John A. Clark, evaminer. Pile agt. Wurdemann et al.; commission ordered to issue. McCauley agt. Mccauley; Nora V. McCauley appointed guardian ad litem.. Richards agt. Mackall; Abrabam Lisner made party complainant. Herbert agt. Herbert; restraining order retignation. agt. Herbert; restraining order returnable January 4 granted. Myers agt. Myers; divorce a vin. mat. granted. Duhamel agt. Kendrick; decree for sale with J. Sprigg

ward's real estate filed. Estate of Susan LOST AND FOUND..... Ross; answer filed. Estate of Joseph Hoft; proof of publication. Estate of Julia G. Irving; inventory filed. Estate of Pauline Harris; proof of publication. Estate of Edward S. Raymond; will filed with petation for probate, and commission ordered to issue. Estate of Elizabeth W. Niel; will fully proved. In re Wm. K. Van Reypen, guardian; order of appointment; bond \$2,000. Estate of Chas. R. Barker; will filed Estate of Carrie Blackiev; inventory ed. Estate of Carrie Blackiey; inventory filed. Estate of David Fitzgerald; do. Es-tate of Alice T. Hawkins; do. Estate of Mary A. Hunter, petition for probate of will filed. Estate of Wm. B. Jackson; re-

ceipts filed. Circuit Court No. 1—Justice Cole.
Reiners agt. W. & G. R. R. Co.; jury respited until Monday. Fitzhugh agt. Fitzhugh; judgment by confession for plaintiff. Hooper Manufacturing Company agt. Faunce et al.; judgment by default against

Jacob R. Faunce. Circuit Court No. 2-Justice McComas. Terry agt. Pollard; motion for new trial overruled and judgment on verdict. Cincinnati Tribune agt. Boyd; do.

Criminal Court No. 1-Chief Justice Bingham. United States agt. John Boughn, arson; motion for new trial overruled; sentence New Jersey state prison for two years. United States agt. Nelson Wooden, second offense petit larceny, do.; sentence, New Jersey state prison for one year and one day. United States agt. Robert Carroll, arson; personal recognizance taken. United States agt. Robert Williams, larceny; sentence suspended; personal recognizance taken. United States agt. Samuel Hamilton; housebreaking; do.

Charged With Trickery.

Frank Harris, colored, today had a partial hearing before Judge Kimball on the charge of swindling Josephus Hammon, an old colored man from Maryland, out of \$1.50 by trickery. Harris denied that he was the man wanted for the offense, and Judge Kimball postponed his decision until

Hawkins Authorized to Wed.

George Albert Hawkins, for many years the White House coachman, and at present employed in the pension bureau, secured a marriage license this afternoon authorizing him to wed Isabella E. H. Williams. The ceremony is to occur at 7 o'clock this evening at the parsonage of the People's Church; Rev. John H. Daley will officiate. In answer to the usual questions, probounded by Assistant Clerk of the Court F. seven years of age, and was married once The bride has never before been

Marriage Licenses. Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: White-Joseph Denty and Alice Baylis;

William P. Larkin and Lucy B. Adams; George F. Watts and Ada Goings; H. A. Bacon and Blanche L. Whitefield: John W. Scruggs and Ethel E. Leake, both of Charlottesville, Va.; James N. Bowen and Addie G. Browder; Louis D. Carman and Maria Gambrill; James C. Bass and Jeanetta V. McConley; Charles G. Carroll and Emma E. Barnes; John S. Bonner and Mabel Clayton; Ellis E. Ledman and Ethel E. Upperman; Louis F. Hellmuth of Washington and Frances L. Bowe of Charles county, Md.; Herry B. Frankin of Salem, Mass., and Nora L. Blanchard of Columbus, Ohio. Colored—Frank M. Hyder of Augusta, Ga., and Eliza R. Matron of this city; Albert Ball and Jamie V. Young; Frank Toney and Estella Denton; William H. Wright and Clara E. Carter; Joseph Davis and Mary J. Duvall; Hiram Banks and Mary J. Duvall; Hiram Banks and Mary S. Duvall; Hiram Banks and Mary S. Duvall; Hiram Banks and Bown, both of Charles county, Md.; Grant Campbell and Annie R. Brown; Arthur Richards and Salile Jackson; Alexander Mitchell and Frances Ellis; James H. Harrod and France Scruggs and Ethel E. Leake, both of Charlottesville, Va.; James N. Bowen and Addle

The Sun and Moon. Today-Sun rises, 7:16 a.m.; sun sets, 4:43

p.m. New moon, 2:55 p.m. today. Tomorrow—Sun rises, 7:17 a.m. The City Lights.

Gas lamps all ligated by 5:51 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 6:25 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. Arc lamps lighted at 5:36 p.m.; extin-

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 36; condition, 14; receiving reservoir, temperature, 40; condition at north connection, 9; condition at south connection, 6; distributing reservoir, temperature, 40; condition at influent gate house, 4; effluent gate house, 4. Temperatures for Twenty-Four Hours The following are the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau for the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon:
December 22, 4 p.m., 36; 8 p.m., 35; midnight, 33. December 23, 4 a.m., 31; 8 a.m., 32; 12 m.,

34, and 2 p.m., 34.

Maximum, 36, at 4 p.m. December 22;
minimum, 30, at 5 a.m. December 23.

The following are the readings of the barometer at the weather bureau for the past twenty-four hours, beginning at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon: December 22, 4 p.m., 29.85; 8 p.m., 29.85; midnight, 29.85. December 23, 4 a.m., 29.84; 8 a.m., 29.81; 12 m., 29.79, and 2 p.m., 29.75.

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HIS DOG VICIOUS.

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The Charge Brought Against Mr. Alfred Wilmer. Mr. Alfred Wilmer of No. 1310 T street northwest was today formally recognized by Judge Kimball to appear before him Tuesday next with an additional \$5 to complete a fine of \$10, which will be then im-

posed upon Wilmer as defendant in a case

brought before the court. Mr. Wilmer was charged with keeping a vicious dog. Officer Boswell testified that while passing along the street near the house of the accused he was attacked by the dog, which grabbed him by his clothing. He complained, he said, to Mr. Wilmer, and the latter told him that if the dog was bad it was made so by the "officer's kind." In reply to Policeman Boswell's threat to get out a warrant against him for kearing get out a warrant against him for keeping a vicious dog, Wilmer, the officer said, told him he could do anything he pleased about he matter. Several witnesses corroborated the offi-

Several witnesses corroborated the only cer's statement about the dog grabbing him, and one of them said it on numerous occasions ran after ladies and children, badly frightening them.

Wilmer stated, in his defense, that the Wilmer stated, in his defense, that the dog had a prejudice against "colored people, especially policemen or other men who wear brass buttons," and that he would run after and bark at them.

After a brief review of the evidence, Judge Kimbali disposed of the case as above stated.

above stated. Later Judge Kimball, at the suggestion of Prosecutor Mullowny, told Mr. Wilmer that if he would have the dog killed, and would bring to the court a certificate that this was done, the \$5 already paid by him would be returned and the case considered settled.

Mr. Wilmer assured Judge Kimball that he would do as above stated.

CONDENSED LOCALS.

Commissioner Black has informed a delegation from Ebenezer Church, 4th and D streets southeast, that the request for a pavement around the church without cost to it cannot be granted. The delega-tion has also been informed that the pave-ment can only be laid under the assessment plan.

An alarm was turned in from box 835 about 9:45 o'clock last night for fire in the house of Mr. B. C. King, on the Blair road, near Takoma. A defective flue was the

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